

REMARKS

Claims 28-49 are pending. Claims 1-27, and 50-58 are withdrawn. Claims 34,43 and 44 have been canceled.

Claims 35-58 are objected to because claim 34 appears to have been skipped in the as-filed application.

Applicant has re-numbered the claims appropriately. The undersigned inexplicably inserted a claim 34 into the set of claims filed in the election. This claim has now been removed. As-filed claim 35 is now listed as claim 34. That claim has been canceled due to its identity with as-filed claim 33. As-filed claim 36 is now listed as claim 35, and so on.

Claims 28-33, 35 and 38 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,332,882 (Zucherman I).

Claim 28 now contains all the limitations of claim 44, which the Examiner indicates is allowable. Each of the remaining claims depends from claim 28. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 28-33, 36 and 38-42 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,695,842 (Zucherman II).

Claim 28 now contains all the limitations of claim 44, which the Examiner indicates is allowable. Each of the remaining claims depends from claim 28. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 43,47 and 48 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,332,882 (Zucherman) in view of Davison).

Each of the remaining claims now contains all the limitations of claim 44, which the Examiner indicates is allowable. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 49 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,695,842 (Zucherman).

This claim now contains all the limitations of claim 44, which the Examiner indicates is allowable. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 44-46 stand objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claim 44 has been incorporated into claim 28. Claim 45 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, the objection should be withdrawn.

In addition, please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750, but do not include any payment of issue fees.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to place contact the undersigned directly.

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